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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/772,297

Applicant(s)

FUJIBAYASHI ET AL.

Examiner

Sunray Chang

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 December 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/2/06
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in responsive to the paper filed on December 28th, 2006.

Claims 1 – 5 are presented for examination.

Claims 1 – 5 are rejected.

Claim 6 has been cancelled.

Double Patenting

2. **Claims 1 – 5 are provisionally rejected** on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over **claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,897,626**.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because, for example, current application [10/772,297] claiming a position control device for controlling a controlled axis in accordance with a command movement to drive a servomotor controlling the controlled axis having means of calculating the position of the controlled axis, a virtual axis and controlling the virtual axis driving the controlled axis following the virtual axis.

U.S. Patent No. 6,897,626 teaches a synchronous controller for driving a slave axis to synchronously follow a master axis performing a composite motion of a plurality of axes, comprising: a master-axis motion amount calculation section for calculating a motion command amount of the master axis by combining motion command amounts of the plurality of axes at every predetermined period; and a synchronous processing section for calculating a motion command amount of the slave axis at every predetermined period based on the motion command amount of the master axis calculated by said master-axis motion amount calculation section to be outputted for the slave axis.

This is a non-provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have been patented on May 24th, 2005.

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. Applicants amend the claims 1 – 3 to overcome the 112(2) rejection; the examiner has withdrawn forth 112(2) rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. Applicants amend the claims 1 – 3 to overcome the 103(a) rejections; the examiner has withdrawn the forth 103(a) rejections.

5. The claims 1 – 5 have been amended, yet, the amended claims conflicting with claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,897,626 which claiming the same subject matters. Further Double Patenting rejection have been cited by the examiner based on U.S. Patent No. 6,897,626.

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Conclusion


6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sunray Chang who may be reached Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST. via telephone number (571) 272-3682 or facsimile transmission (571) 273-3682 or email sunray.chang@uspto.gov.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on (571) 272-3687.

The official facsimile transmission number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.


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